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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update and correct the priority data claimed when the subject application was filed. Applicants maintain that the amendment to the specification does not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to supplement the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 25, 2004 in connection with the subject application.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the nine references that are listed on enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page). Copies of the four non-U.S. patent references are attached hereto. WO 0020626 and US 5,582,697 were cited in an Office Action in corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 2005100043703. CN 1057131, CN 1057492 and US 5,683,400 were cited in an Office Action in corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 2005100043718. Copies of relevant pages of the Office Actions are attached hereto (2 pages). EP 0460918 and US 5,302,846 are patent family members of CN 1057131. US 5,100,526 is a patent family member of CN 1057492.

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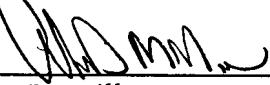
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Applicants are submitting the subject Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required in connection with this submission or to maintain the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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